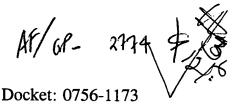
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

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from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

In supplement to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 18, 1993 in the parent application 07/993,391, submitted herewith is a corrected Form PTO-1449 to be made of record in the above-identified application. Upon further review of the application, the undersigned noticed a typographical error contained in the IDS, that is, Japanese Application No. 0068732 was incorrectly listed and should read as JP <u>1</u>-068732.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(3), Applicants hereby petition for consideration of the instant *Information Disclosure Statement*. Submitted herewith is the requisite fee of \$130.00 petition fee. A duplicate of this paper is submitted herewith.

JP 49-52598 is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 3,838,209 and GB 1,396,486. JP 59-61818 is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,600,274; 4,653,862; 4,716,403; and RE33,882 and GB 2,130,781. These additional references were not cited in the above-noted communication from the Japanese Patent Office, but instead represent related counterpart references to the cited references from the Japanese Patent Office. Thus, these references are noted only for their relationship to the foreign cited references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (0756-1173).

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